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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Gary Studniewski, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we beseech Your blessings upon the proceedings of this House in order to govern wisely and justly the United States of America for which it stands. Bless all Members and agents of this House that they may know the privilege of their service and receive the due reward that comes from that service.

Keep America united under Your care and help our citizens realize the blessings of liberty and justice that come about through unity and patriotism, You who reign supreme and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 5 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, August 23, 2021, at 5 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1994. A letter from the Under Secretary, Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting a report about the Telecommunications Security Program Implementation Plan; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1995. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an Executive Order that takes additional steps regarding Certain Russian energy export pipeline to deal with the emergency declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(b); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(b); (91 Stat. 1627) (H. Doc. No. 117-56); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-1996. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1997. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on

amount of claims for protective services, pursuant to Public Law 116-260, Sec. 7070; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. ALLRED (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

H.R. 5053. A bill to enhance protections for election records; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. AXNE (for herself, Mr. KIND, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 5054. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy of geographic adjustment factors under the Medicare program and to permanently extend certain adjustments to such factors for certain localities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 5055. A bill to instruct the United States Governor of, and the United States Executive Director at, the International Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote of the United States to advocate that the Fund not recognize the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan under Taliban control, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 5056. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for carriage of independent programmers by qualified distributors and multichannel video programming distributors; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 5057. A bill to require the level of telework of employees of agencies to return

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